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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK**

Appl. No.: 09/940,517 Confirmation No. 5216  
Applicant: K. HOSHINO et al.  
Filed: August 29, 2001  
Titled: MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD USING MULTILAYERED  
VARISTOR MATERIAL (AS AMENDED)  
TC/A.U.: 2653  
Examiner: C.R. Magee  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 6 this paper.

A Petition of a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

A Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee accompany this response.